

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, OUTSIDE IN OVAL

The meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was held in the oval outside the West Hartford Town Hall on Monday, July 20, 2015. A quorum of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was present. At the meeting the following items were discussed.

1. The Bike West Hartford, Inc. Subcommittee for Bike Routes and Bike Lanes and the Master Bike Plan Subcommittee will be combined into one committee to assist with the design and implementation of the Bicycle Facilities Plan approved under The Complete Streets Policy of the Town of West Hartford.
2. Sandy reported on the Connecticut Statute revisions and the status of the Complete Streets Policy. Since the date of the WHBAC meeting, the West Hartford Town Council unanimously approved the proposed Complete Streets Policy which contains the Bicycle Facilities Plan.
3. Sandy reported that the contract with the engineering company for the Feasibility Study of the North Main Street Road Diet has not yet been signed, but it should be signed before our next monthly meeting in August.
4. Lene reported on the Cycling Without Age Program. She stated that the rickshaw bicycle has already been shipped from Copenhagen and is in transit. It should be arriving within the next couple of weeks. Also, Oleg Kassow will be visiting from Copenhagen on August 26 and August 27. Lene needs more help fundraising for the insurance portion of the program. Lene has been in touch with Hughes Convalescent Home which has agreed to house the rickshaw. If you are interested in becoming a rickshaw pilot (driver) please contact Lene at lene@bruunjorgensen.dk.
5. Ed reported that the Center Streets Event will not take place this summer as anticipated. There was not enough time to put the event together. However, he is dedicated to putting a committee together during the off season and holding this event next summer. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please let me know.
6. Scott reported on the I Can Bike Program which will take place July 27-31. Volunteers are still needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please promptly contact Sara at sara.tamborello@westhartfordct.gov. This is a great event that teaches children with special needs how to ride a bicycle without training wheels.
7. Dan reported on the Bike to Town Thursday events. The upcoming events are July 23 at Whole Foods, West Hartford Center, July 30 at Plan B in Elmwood, August 6 at Bertucci's in Bishop's Corner, August 13 at Ben and Jerry's in West Hartford Center, and August 20 at AC Peterson's in Elmwood. The events start at 6:30 p.m. on each of those days. Bike to Town Thursday events are open to families and friends to ride their bicycles to destinations in West Hartford, rather than drive their cars. I hope that you can attend some of the Bike to Town Thursday events.
8. Duane Martin, the Town Engineer, reported on various initiatives in town. There is re-paving being done in King Philip Drive between Mohawk and Albany Avenue and on Asylum Avenue between North Main Street and Trout Brook Drive. The goal is to install bike lanes on both of these roads. In addition, Duane reported that the Trout Brook trail is making excellent

progress and the most recent portion south of Park Road should be open shortly. Duane also mentioned that the access strip between Forest Road and Maplewood Drive will be paved this summer or early fall to provide better access to Whiting Lane School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair
West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee
President, Bike West Hartford, Inc.